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- 1. NO INDICATION HERE THAT GIRM HAS ALTERED ITS "WAIT BKD SEE" STANCE ON ANGOLA. OFFICIAL MAURITANIAN POSITION SO FAR AS WE CAN DETERMINE HERE CONTINUES TO BE SUPPORT FOR OAU CALL FOR COMPROMISE SOLUTION AMONG COMPETING FACTIONS LEADING TO COALITION GOVERNMENT. AT SAME TIME GIRM CLEARLY LEANS TOWARD MPLA. IN DECEMBER 4 LE MONDE INTERVIEW, PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH EXPLICITLY NOTED SIMILARITY MAURIANIAN AND MPLA IDEOLOGIES. (NOUAKCHOTT 2516.)
- 2. ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM PARIS, FRENCH AMBASSADOR URGED GIRM MORNING DECEMBER 17 TO CONTINUE ITS WAIT AND SEE POSTURE. AMBASSADOR REPORTED MINSTWKE FOREIGNOFYOS MOUKNASSNPAVE NO INDICATION THEN OF ANY SHIFT IN GIRM ANGOLA POLICY EITHER PAST OR CONTEMPLATED. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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3. FOREIGN MINISTRY SECRETARY GENERAL (ONLY SENIOR MFA OFFICIAL CURRENTLY IN NOUAKCHOTT) HAS BEEN TIED UP ALL MORNING IN COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING AND THUS UNAVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONING. WHILE IT IS DOUBTFUL FOREIGN MINISTRY SKELETON STAFF COULD MAKE SUCH IMPORTANT CHANGE IN GIRM POLICYIT IS ENTIRELY POSSIBLE THAT GIRM DELEGATION NOW IN ADDIS WAS INSTRUCTED BEFORE DEPARTURE EVENING DECEMBER 17 TO INFORM OAU SECRETARIAT OF CHANGE IN GIRM ANGOLA POLICY. FULL SCHEDULE OF CILSS AIRPORT ARRIVALS MAY PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY TO QUERY MFA SYG OVER WEEK-END.HANDYSIDZT

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